Penalty for concealment of income is imposed in cases where concealment is established on completion of assessment proceedings. The number of cases where penalty for concealment of income was imposed during 1986-87 and 1987-88 are 8221 and 9976 respectively. The corresponding figure for financial year 1988-89 is not available at present.

Action by way of launching prosecution proceedings is also taken against persons found to be evading taxes. The number of prosecutions launched for tax evasion during 1986-87 and 1987-88 are 1426 and 562 respectively. The corresponding figure for Financial Year 1988-89 is 640, which is, however, provisional.

Opening of New Branches of Nationalised Banks in U.P. Bihar and MP

347. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of nationalised banks opened in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh during the financial years 1987-88 and 1988-89; and

(b) the number of persons appointed in these banks category-wise during the above periods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that Public Sector Banks have opened 580 branches in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh during the period from April, 1987 to January, 1989 as per details given below:—

Name of State	No. of branches
Uttar Pradesh . . .	316
Bihar	136
Madhya Pradesh . .	128
TOTAL . .	580

(b) As per the information made available by 17 of the 20 nationalised banks 553 Officers, 1066 Clerks and 811 Substaff have been appointed in these banks during the said period.

Setting up of New National Parks and Wild life Sanctuaries in Uttar Pradesh

348. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries in Uttar Pradesh as on date;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Governmsnt's consideration to set up more national parks and wildlife sanctuaries in this State; and

(c) if so, by when these parks and sanctuaries are likely to be set up and the amount earmarked for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) There are 5 national parks and 15 wildlife sanctuaries in Uttar Pradesh as on date.

(b) and (c) According to a report prepared by the Wildlife Institute of India, 3 new national parks and 15 new sanctuaries have been suggested for establishment in Uttar Pradesh. The report has been sent to the State Goverament for their consideration and further action as wildlife sanctuaries/national parks are set up by State Governments.

Export of coffee, Tea, rubber and leather goods during the last three years

349. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of coffee, tea, rubber and leather goods exported during the last three years alongwith the names of countries to which these were exported; and

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange earned through export of these items during the above period?